

Dear Commissioners:

Don't prevent states from fixing my cell phone problems. I am writing to oppose CG Docket No. 04-208 and WT Docket No. 05-194, which will unjustly take away the authority of states to tackle problems with cell phone service, including abusive cancellation penalties. Worse, the proposal will put in place a weak set of cell phone company-endorsed rules that offer no improvements in service or enforcement.

It's time to adopt policies that force cell phone companies to improve the level of service they provide to consumers. They subterfuge used to create plans that even brain surgeons cannot understand shows an intent to have consumers commit to plans in writing that later have so many caveats and downsides to the consumer that one couldn't have possibly understood --One would never sign those contracts if all charges and conditions were clearly stated in plain english!

They intentionally mislead by advertising or making known the positive points -It's as if they think we have time to actually take a week to understand our plan-they are counting on the fact we do not- and when dealing with billing and accounting I have had the same experience.

Although CG Docket No. 04-208 purports to address consumer frustration with confusing cell phone bills, hidden fees and misleading advertising, the proposal does little for consumers. In the name of helping us, the agency is proposing to block states from passing their own pro-consumer laws. As bad, WT Docket No. 05-194 would bar state courts from enforcing state law when it comes to unfair and abusive cell phone contracts. That's going too far.

States are responding to consumer complaints. Don't stop them! And don't give in to adopting weak, industry-drafted rules in their place. The FCC should stand up to the cell phone industry, and respect states rights and strong consumer protections.

Sincerely,
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